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ANNUAL REPORT.

TOWN OF ASHLAND

1881. 1882.

ASHLAND, N. H.
ASHLAND ITEM.
1882.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

TOWN OFFICERS,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ASHLAND,

—EMBRACING THOSE OF THE—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, &c.,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1, 1882.

ASHLAND, N. H.
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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

1881.

Taxable Articles.

271 Polls,	\$27,100 00
136 Horses,	8,600 00
93 Oxen,	3,324 00
199 Cows,	4,777 00
102 Other Neat Stock,	1,611 00
291 Sheep,	925 00
4 Hogs,	30 00
Carriages,	1,736 00
Money at Interest,	21,785 00
Stock in Trade,	43,176 00
Factories and Machinery,	79,600 00
Real Estate,	225,388 00
Non-Resident,	\$418,052 00
	2,960 00
Total Inventory,	\$421,012 00
State, County, Town and School Tax on Poll,	1 25
Highway Tax on Poll,	25
	\$1 50
School House Tax on Poll in District No. 1,	73
“ “ “ “ “ 5,	20

1881.

Outstanding Claims.

PAID BY ORDER.

Delos Huckins, Town Reports,	\$13 00
Frank N. Flanders, cost in Peavey and Boynton case,	150 00
Edwin B. Currier, breaking roads in Dist. No. 2, 1880 and 1881,	4 00
John Dean, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
S. W. Fletcher, posts and plank,	15 99
Hughes & Huckins, supplies to surveyors and Town Hall,	10 58
Paul Perkins, breaking roads in the spring of 1881,	2 17
Samuel Shepard, " " "	3 11
John B. Carr, " " "	6 50
Daniel S. Baker, " " "	6 52
	\$214 87

1881.

Current Expenses.

PAID BY ORDER.

Thomas P. Woodman, books and stationary by express,	\$9 35
R. R. D. Dearborn, printing for Town Clerk,	1 00
Caleb A. Huckins, work on lobby,	5 75
Edward L. Shepard, for Memorial Day services,	25 00
Caleb A. Huckins, iron for railing, etc.,	10 52
L. H. Smith, school house tax in District No. 5,	8 00
Paul Perkins, auditing accounts in 1880,	2 00

Geo. B. Gordon, services as Supervisor,	\$5 00
Dexter Sanborn, " "	11 00
J. F. Keyes, " Auditor, 1880,	2 00
A. R. Garey, vaccinating 252 and services on Board of Health,	52 90
Hiram Hodgdon, services on Board of Health,	1 50
R. W. Ladd, services at R. Mead's funeral, per or- der of Board of Health,	4 00
Thos. P. Rogers, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
Eri G. Clapp, services as Selectman,	80 00
" " Overseer of Poor,	20 00
" Paid for tax bills,	2 25
" " postage,	25
" goods for Town Hall,	10 47
Calvin Swett, services as Selectman,	34 40
" paid Burleigh & Adams,	3 00
Edwin B. Currier, services as Selectman,	29 50
B. B. Worthen, services as Town Clerk,	40 00
" " Librarian,	25 00
Frank L. Hughes, " Treasurer,	25 00
R. R. D. Dearborn, " Collector,	75 00
Charles Shepard, " S. S. Committee,	26 50
	\$513 39

Expense of Poor.

PAID BY ORDER.

Jane Morse, boarding James Rowe,	\$168 00
Fred. L. Mead, " Nelson Cunningham,	12 50
Hughes & Huckins, goods for Guyett family,	14 25

Plummer Chase, boarding Julia O'Brien,	\$2 33
Mrs. Cyrus Plaisted, " " "	11 00
Hughes & Huckins, goods for " "	2 42
Eri G. Clapp, cash paid out for poor,	4 25
Enos Huckins, visiting Mrs. Parker,	1 25
A. R. Garey, " Nelson Cunningham,	2 25
	\$218 25

Roads, Bridges and Side-Walks.

PAID BY ORDER.

Asa Drew, labor on highway,	\$2 00
W. F. Harris, freight on plank,	4 50
Thos. N. Hughes, plank,	6 70
E. B. Currier, repairing Union bridge,	61 23
" railing near Drake mill,	4 30
J. F. Keyes, side-walks,	200 00
S. B. Cummings, labor on highway,	1 00
Barnet Hughes, posts and rails,	4 50
John B. Carr, labor on highway and railing,	35 00
Daniel S. Baker, breaking roads,	1 00
	\$320 23

School Money.

	SCHOOL MONEY.	LITERARY.	TOTAL.
District No. 1,	\$1104 00	\$60 49	\$1164 49
" 2,	24 64	5 86	30 50
" 3,	51 97	3 35	55 32
" 4,	83 78	8 18	91 96
" 5,	12 61	2 53	15 14
	\$1277 00	\$80 41	\$1357 41

\$14 00 paid in District No. 5, of last year's school money.

Recapitulation.

Outstanding Claims,	\$214 87
Current Expenses,	513 39
Poor Expenses,	218 25
Roads, Bridges and Side-Walks,	320 23
School Money,	1371 41
	\$2638 15

ERI G. CLAPP, } *Selectmen*
EDWIN B. CURRIER, } *of Ashland.*

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors for the*
H. C. DEARBORN, } *town of Ashland.*

Ashland, N. H., Feb. 28, 1882.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. L. Hughes in account with the town of Ashland.

	Dr.
To balance from last year,	\$275 02
cash of John S. Drew,	1 07
“ B. B. Worthen,	13 50
“ E. G. Clapp,	26 75
“ F. M. Hughes, use of Town Hall,	34 94
“ E. B. Carrier, for old plank sold,	3 00
“ “ overdraft on bridge expense,	4 50
Solon A. Carter, Railroad tax,	130 54
“ Savings Bank tax,	703 87
“ Literary Fund,	80 41
“ bounty on crows,	2 10
R. R. D. Dearborn, collector for 1881,	275 00
“ “ “ 1882,	7500 00
	\$9050 70
	Cr.
By paid Notes and Interest,	\$1171 96
County tax,	1494 95
State “	888 00
School House Committee, Dist. No. 1,	2500 00
Town Orders,	2638 15
Cash on hand,	357 64
	\$9050 70

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors of the*
H. C. DEARBORN, } *town of Ashland.*

Ashland, N. H., Feb. 28, 1882.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

Amount Resident Taxes committed to me for collection,	\$7936 80
Amount Non-Resident Taxes,	48 55
" Interest collected,	17 48
	\$8002 83

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$7500 00
" B. F. Cox, Highway Surveyor,	1 25
Amount Discounts,	122 12
" Abatements,	26 58
" Collections not paid over at time of report,	131 00
" Highway Surveyor's receipt for Non-Resident taxes worked,	1 63
" Uncollected taxes,	220 25
	\$8002 83
Balance of tax for the year 1879, uncollected	\$5 11
" " 1880, "	5 37

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, *Collector.*

JANITORS' REPORT.

Francis M. Hughes in account with the town of Ashland, to
Jan. 2d, 1882.

Cash received for use of Hall,	\$77 00
Paid Hodgdon & Pollard, for wood,	\$2 25
" Hughes & Huckins, for oil, etc.	7 31
" Town Treasurer,	34 94
" Janitor, for care of Hall,	32 50
	—————\$77 00

We the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Ashland, hereby certify that we have carefully examined the above and foregoing account, and found it correctly cast and properly avouched.

ERI. G. CLAPP, } *Selectmen*
E. B. CURRIER, } *of Ashland.*

Arthur S. Clark in account with the town of Ashland, Jan. 2d
to Mar. 1st.

Cash received for use of Hall,	\$57 00
Paid Janitor for care of Hall,	\$27 00
" Arthur Fletcher, wood,	9 75
" James O. Clark, " "	2 00
" Hughes & Huckins, oil, etc.,	3 08
" For repairing Hall,	9 25
" For sawing wood,	3 25
" E. G. Clapp, supplies,	80
" A. E. Porter, " "	10
Cash on hand,	1 77
	—————\$57 00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. CLARK.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors for the*
H. C. DEARBORN, } *town of Ashland.*

Ashland, N. H., Feb. 28, 1882.

JOSEPH H. SHEPARD, Agent,

In account with the town of Ashland to do the Stone Work for the Iron Bridge near the Grist-Mill.

1880, Sept. 3, cash received by order on Treasurer,	\$100 00
“ “ 14, “ “ “	1289 80
“ “ 22, “ “ “	100 31
	\$1490 11

CASH PAID OUT.

1880, Sept. 3, paid Andrew R. Smith,	\$100 00
“ “ 14, “ “ “	1289 80
Cost of abutments,	\$1389 80
1880, Sept. 22, paid Hodgdon & Pollard,	
shovels,	\$4 00
“ Levi Clough, spikes,	50
“ James O. Clark, for ox teams,	17 25
“ Paul Perkins, for work,	12 50
“ John N. Peavey, blacksmith'g,	56
“ J. H. Shepard, services as	
agent and labor,	60 50
“ B. B. Worthen, services,	5 00
Cost of Wing, Walls and services as agent,	\$100 31
Whole costs,	\$1490 11

J. H. SHEPARD,

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

DEXTER SANBORN, } *Auditors for the*
H. C. DEARBORN, } *town of Ashland.*

Ashland, N. H., Feb. 28, 1882.

Side-Walk Account.

J. F. Keyes, Agent, in account with Selectmen of Ashland.

Dr.

To cash of Town Treasurer,

\$200 00

Cr.

N. P. BATCHELDER'S SIDE-WALK.

Whole cost per bill,	\$62 88
Paid by Mr. Batchelder,	33 19
	————\$29 69

J. F. KEYES' SIDE-WALK.

Whole cost per bill,	\$81 14
Paid by J. F. Keyes,	40 57
	————\$40 57
Crossing for pass-way as per bill,	26 20
“ Main street “	33 35
Repairing old side-walk,	9 12
Sundry expenses, per bill,	4 75
Cash on hand to balance,	56 32
	————\$200 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. KEYES, *Agent.*

Ashland, N. H., Feb. 27, 1882.

Statement of Town Debt.

Am't Notes and Interest outstanding Mar. 1, 1882, \$3775 86

Cr.

By Uncollected taxes for 1878,	\$175 00
" " 1881,	175 00
By amount due from County,	20 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	357 64
	\$727 64
	\$3048 22

Amount of Debt, March 1, 1881,	\$3862 36
" " 1882,	3048 22

Decrease in 1881,	\$814 14
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Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HUGHES.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 14, 1882.

The whole number of books now in the the Library is less than last year ; that is, that are in circulation. Quite a number had become so worn out and partly gone, as to require their retirement from circulation, which I have done to some extent.

It seems to me unless some means for re-binding what books are worth it, and the purchase of new books, our Town Library must be on the eve of final extinction. The last appropriation for repair of books and purchase of new ones, made by the town, was, by the record, in 1873, of ninety-nine dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. WORTHEN, *Librarian.*

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

TO CHARLES SHEPARD, SUP'T OF SCHOOLS FOR THE TOWN
OF ASHLAND.

In accordance with the law, and for your instruction, the Board of Education for District No. 1, make the following report:

We have had three terms of school in each of the four departments, and all very prosperous with one exception, that of the Spring term in the Higher Grammar. The scholars in this school had become so unruly that we thought best to employ a male teacher, at an increased cost in wages; but the result has been very satisfactory, so much so that we shall continue in the same way, at least another term.

HIGHER GRAMMAR.

First term, taught by Miss L. A. Harriman. Number of weeks, 10. Whole number of scholars, 19. Average daily attendance, 15.

Second term, taught by Mr. E. G. Moore. Number of weeks, 10. Whole number of scholars, 27. Average daily attendance 24.

Third term, taught by Mr. E. G. Moore. Number of weeks, 8. Whole number of scholars, 28. Average daily attendance 25.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First term, taught by Miss Emma J. Fellows. Number of weeks, 10. Whole number of scholars, 25. Average daily attendance, 21.

Second term, taught by Miss Emma J. Fellows. Number of weeks, 10. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average daily attendance, 21.

Third term, taught by Miss Mary E. Nutting. Number of weeks 8. Whole number of scholars, 21. Average daily attendance, 19.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

The three terms taught by Miss Maria F. Ladd.

First term. Number of weeks, 10. Whole number of scholars, 37. Average daily attendance, 33.

Second term. Number of weeks, 10. Whole number of scholars, 28. Average daily attendance 25.

Third term. Number of weeks, 8. Whole number of scholars, 18. Average daily attendance, 16.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The three terms taught by Miss Lizzie F. Clement.

First term. Number of weeks, 10. Whole number of scholars, 49. Average daily attendance, 40.

Second term. Number of weeks, 10. Whole number of scholars, 41. Average daily attendance, 35.

Third term. Number of weeks, 8. Whole number of scholars, 36. Average daily attendance, 33.

In regard to the cost of a janitor, our policy has been and will continue to be, that the school house cost considerable money and is worth being well taken care of.

We require certain duties to be done, and advertise for proposals, and of course must accept the lowest bid we get.

In conclusion, we would say that the school house has been well taken care of the past year.

J. F. KEYES, *Chairman.*

DEXTER SANBORN, *Clerk.*

Ashland, N. H., Feb. 24, 1882.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 2. This school has had a spring term of six weeks, and a summer and fall term of almost ten weeks. Here they show their interest in the school, by giving the board and wood, as the Committee told me, although the school register does not show it. M. Alice Smith has been their teacher in both terms. Under her discipline the school has made good progress, and is in a flourishing condition.

Register incomplete.

DISTRICT No. 3. Minnie F. L. Brown has had the care of this school during the spring and summer terms, of ten weeks each. Fred. A. Wells is their teacher during this term, which will be sixteen weeks in length when closed. This school has made fair progress during the year, and the scholars seem to be well interested in their studies. This is a union district between Holderness and Ashland.

Register well filled out up to present time.

DISTRICT No. 4. Here has been a spring term of eight weeks, taught by M. Alice Smith, who is a good and faithful teacher, except in keeping the register. The fall and winter term, of eighteen weeks, was kept by L. Lutheria Sanborn. Miss Sanborn is young, and has lately commenced teaching, but she gains the love and respect of her scholars generally, and, it is hoped she will make a good addition to our corps of teachers. The closing examination of the fall term was not very satisfactory. Perhaps the inconstant attendance of a part of the scholars, and the extreme length of the term, ought in part, to account for it.

The school register was not very well kept.

DISTRICT No. 5. Here has been one term of fourteen weeks, taught by Mary E. Huckins. The good discipline under which the scholars have been held, has made it a profitable school. The register was well kept. This is a union district between New Hampton, Centre Harbor and Ashland. When I visited this school, near the close, it seemed like a model of quietness and good order.

A few general remarks, perhaps, may not be thrown away. It has been said by some of our wise legislators in the past, that the perpetuity of our free institutions, would depend upon the intelligence of the people. If that has been true in the past, it is doubly true in the present, and will be in the future. The intelligence of the people will depend, in a measure, on the condition of the common schools. If they are allowed to decline, a generation will soon be here incapable of self-government.

The schools that have been under my superintendence have, perhaps, done as well as could be expected under the circumstances. There are so many enterprises and public entertainments, to engross the minds of the young, that there is some danger of education being driven into a corner.

There seems to be a general liberality felt towards supporting the schools, which is very commendable. If parents and all good citizens, would visit their schools occasionally, it would encourage the scholars, and stimulate the teachers to a more vigorous discharge of duty.

Indolence could not very well endure the eyes of a whole district. It is to be regretted that any should take their children from their own school, prematurely, and send them to other schools to acquire the rudiments of learning. If the

school is not what it ought to be, make it better. Hold out such inducements as will draw in teachers whose moral and intellectual ability will throw a brightness, not only over the school, but over the whole community. Then, learning will be respected, and our scholars will be more ambitious. Let no one be allowed to transact the business of the district, who is not above bartering away the interest of the school for his own selfish gain, or that of friends.

Remember that learning alone, does not always make a good teacher. It is worse than robbery, to use the public money in supporting poor schools, and allowing scholars to waste their valuable time in attending them. It is a loss not easily repaired.

If inexperienced and incompetent teachers will pursue their occupation, let them do it somewhere else. At present, we cannot afford to employ any such ones.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SHEPARD,

Superintending School Committee.

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